

Appl. No. **TO BE ASSIGNED**

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Preliminary Amendment

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

— Japanese Patent Laid-open Application No. 7-043,769 discloses that the use of phosphoric acid ester compound having a substituent containing 12 to 25 carbon atoms derived from TPP may obtain flame-retardancy of V2 and improved volatility at 250 °C. —

Please cancel the paragraph on page 3 entitled “Objects of the Invention, line 9 to line 22 ending “... appended claims”.

Please add the following **new** paragraph on page 4, before line 1:

— The compositions according to the present invention provide an environment-friendly flame retardant styrenic resin composition having stability for fire, good heat resistance and does not cause toxic gases in case of fire. The compositions according to the present invention have good mechanical strength making them useful for the housing of electric appliances. —